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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to urge you to reject USTelecom's petition to take away third-party ISP access to unbundled last-mile copper and inter-city fiber network elements.

I chose a local telephone and broadband provider because Comcast's infrastructure has frequent outages in our area, and my CLEC provides higher broadband speeds than AT&T. Additionally, my local provider is building a new fiber network to bring even faster speeds.

Finally, I believe competition is critical to keeping prices in check and incentivizing service improvements. After all, wasn't that the purpose of the AT&T divestiture?

Thank you.

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